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SUBJECT: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE :PROPOSED U. S.
STATEMENT

REF: NAIROBI UNNUMBERED DTG 092203Z
FOR ACTING CHAIRMAN OF USDEL, ROBERT KAMM, FROM CHAIRMAN
REINHARDT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE REFTEL SUGGESTIONS FOR A PRESS
RELEASE AND POSSIBLE STATEMENT IN COMMISSION AND FULLY
SHARE THE CONCERNS WHICH PROMPTED THEM. WE ARE WORRIED,
HOWEVER, THAT INITIATIVE PROPOSED IN REFTEL COULD IN-
ADVERTENTLY TRIGGER MOVES TO HARSHEN TONE AND SUBSTANCE
OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. PREVIOUS SOUNDINGS, INCLUDING
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REFERENCES IN GENERAL DEBATE SPEECHES, INDICATE THAT

PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY US DEL EXPLICITLY LINKING PAYMENT OF OUR DUES TO GC ACTION ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND JERUSALEM ISSUES MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AS "BLACKMAIL."

2. IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN WE FEAR THAT IT WOULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FRAGILE "SPIRIT OF NAIROBI", ON WHICH DELEGATION HAS DONE SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE JOB OF CONSTRUCTING ITS RECENT, STRIKING SUCCESSES. IF THE U.S. WERE BLAMED FOR SOURING THE ATMOSPHERE, THIS COULD WELL JEOPARDIZE NOT ONLY WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH RESPECT TO THE JERUSALEM AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES MASS MEDIA AND EUROPEAN REGION ISSUES. AFRICANS, ESPECIALLY AND M'BOW IN PARTICULAR, WORKED VERY HARD TO SUPPORT US ON THESE MATTERS AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO REACT VERY STRONGLY IF THEY FELT WE HAD PULLED THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER THEM.

3. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOU NOT MAKE A SEPARATE STATEMENT TO PRESS AND INSTEAD CHOOSE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY. WITHIN UNESCO FORUM, TO DELIVER STATEMENTS ON JERUSALEM AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ISSUES, ON WHICH WE ARE NOW WORKING. (STATEMENTS SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRESS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELIVERY.)

4. OUR BASIC CONCERN IS THAT A STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY ONE GIVEN FIRST TO THE PRESS, EMPHASIZING CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF ACTION COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A THREAT AND BE REGARDED -- EVEN BY OUR FRIENDS -- AS HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE. IN OUR DEMARCHES IN WASHINGTON AND IN CAPITALS, WORLD-WIDE, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION ON ISSUES AFFECTING ISRAEL, AS WELL AS MASS MEDIA DECLARATION, WILL BE DECISIVE FOR OUR FUTURE ROLE IN UNESCO. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS MESSAGE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE OTHER DELS IN NAIROBI, YOU ARE URGED TO UNDERTAKE DISCRETE BUT VIGOROUS EFFORTS IN CORRIDORS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO REMAINING DOUBT ABOUT THIS.

5. IN ALTERNATIVE STATEMENT ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ISSUES, WHICH WILL BE SENT BY SEPTTEL, FOR DELIVERY IN UNESCO
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FORUM, WE INTEND TO BE FIRM IN OPPOSING UNACCEPTABLE PROVISIONS OF 19TH GC RESOLUTION WHILE STRESSING OUR HOPE FOR SUCCESS OF M'BOW MISSION AFTER FIRST OF YEAR, IN EXTENSION OF NAIROBI SPIRIT. KISSINGER

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